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THE CRAIGMILE FAMILY

Descendants of William Craigmile of Scotland

Allen Co., Ind.
Ft. Wayne, Indiana
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CRAIGMILE

The first Craigmile of which we have any record was "William" who married one Margaret Reid and lived in Smiddy Hill, Graigen High, parish of Kincardine O'Neil, Scotland. They had seven children, Alexander, William, John, Agnes, Eliza, Barbara and Margaret.

Alexander, the oldest had four children, William, Elizabeth, George and Helen. This "Willian" was the father of our branch of the family. He married Margaret Harregary and twelve children were born to them. Elizabeth, George, Helen, Alexander, James, John, Christina, Francis, Mary, Peter, Charles and David. They lived at Goglock, Lumpanon near Aberdeen, Scotland. The mother died when David was a baby. After a while William married again and the family all loved the new mother.

Elizabeth, the oldest daughter was born July 5, 1808. She married a Mr. Davie but we have no further record of them.

George, the oldest son was born October 13, 1809-1896. He married Helen Adams. They had ten children, Mary, Elizabeth, Alexander, George, John, Helen, Margaret, Christina, Isabel and James. We have no record of the oldest children. George married Margaret Snowie, daughter of a fine family in Tillyburlock, Midmar. He was in the lumber business and very successful. There were seven children in their family. Alexander, Mary Ann, George, Chrissie, Charles Louise, and Alfred.

John, never married, he was in business with George.

Helen, born February 23, 1846 married James Walker in Scotland, four children born were Mary Jane, James, George and Christina. They came to the United States in 1872 and settled in Chicago where James worked in the Stock Yards for many years.

Helen the youngest child was born in Chicago. Helen Walker died in 1934. James in 1915.

Christina, born October 29, 1850, came to the United States with Isobel in 1869, married William Walker brother of James. He also worked at the stock yards in Chicago. There were five children in their family, James, William, Margaret, Charles and Christina.

Isabel, married Fred Frocknow and lived in Chicago. They had no children.

James, the youngest son of George came to the United States with his father in 1872. He married Ella Oldfield, daughter of a pioneer family in Du Page County. They had twelve children, Frank, Mary, George, Florence, Ivy, Cora, Jesse, James, (Helen and Raymond) twins, William and Roy. James passed away in 1927, his wife in 1940.

Helen, born in 1811, the second daughter of William III she married William Crawford whose son William Crawford came to Canada about 1865 with wife and three children and four were born in Canada, Margaret Wilhelmina, Alexander, James, Barbara, Charles and Mary Jane.

HELEN

Helen, the second daughter of William III married William Crawford in Aberdeen, Scotland. Their son William came to Canada and settled in Ingersoll, Ontario. They had three sons and four daughters, James, Margaret, Wilhelmina, Alexander, Barbara, Mary Ann and Charles.

James died in infancy.

Margaret married George Strtheart, Midland, Ont. they had six children, Wilhelmina, Robert, Crawford, Stuart, Walter and Margaret. (Walter was killed in World War I.)

Wilhelmina married Henri E. Gidley, Penetanguishene, Ontario, they had four children, Henri E. who died in infancy, Margaret, Mary and Douglas.

Alexander married Martha Hayword, they had five children, David, Marion, Beatrice, Florence and Margaret, (David was killed in World War I.)

Barbara, married William Howard, Toronto, Ont. they had three children, Clifford, Ethel and Ernest.

Charles lived in Sault Ste Marie, Ont. where he married and raised a family of five children.

Mary Ann died in infancy.

ALEXANDER

Alexander, the second son of William III, was born January 9, 1813. He married Jean Mitchell who was probably the daughter of William the first. Three children were born in Scotland, Alexander, James and William. The family sailed from Aberdeen in August 1845 and arrived in Canada in October. They had a very rough passage in a sailing vessel and Jean was ill most of the way so Alexander had to care for the family and cook and wash as there were few conveniences in those days on sailing vessels. They were shipwrecked in the St. Lawrence river and thought their time had come. They stayed in Canada until 1853 when they came to Illinois where he bought a farm in Cass near Lamont. Three sons were born in Canada, Peter, John and George and Charles and Jean born in Illinois. Jean passed away in 1877 and the daughter Jean kept house for the family for many years. My mother once said to Jean "I think Uncle Sandy is such a fine man" and she replied "Just pull a hair out o' him".

William, born 1841 - died 1892.

Alexander the second son Alexander, married Agnes Calder of Rantoul, Ill. He farmed for many years and then retired and lived Rantoul. They had six children, Homer, Erva, Archibald, Eunice, (Jessie) and Charles. He was born in 1843 and died 1925.

James the third son married Sarah Oldfield, the daughter of pioneer family in Du Page County. They had no family but adopted Sarah's sisters son Raymond. James was in partnership with John Whitson in a store in La Grange for many years. He was always interested in church work and left to to the La Grange Congregational Church \$5,000.00 for Sunday School work. He was born in 1846 and died in 1899.

Peter married Daisy Naylor in Chicago. They had five children, Alexander, Janette, Winifred, Belle and Peter. Alexander died when a young man. Peter was the only one who married. Peter was born in 1849 and died 1929.

George died of typhoid fever.

John married Samantha Turner of Rantoul, Ill. They had four children, Ivy, Charles, Pearl and Bernice. John farmed many years in R^Uantoul then moved to Farnumville, Iowa, where he bought a farm and lived many years.

Charles married Mary Jane Walker and they had one daughter Jannie Irene. They lived in Chicago until his death in 1889. He born in 1857. Mary Jane was born in 1864 and died in 1948.

Jean, the only daughter of Alexander kept house for her father for many years. After his death she married Harvey Turner from Rantoul, Ill. They had four children, BessieJ., Alexander, James and Jean. They lived in R^Aantoul and Gifford for many years then moved to Iowa to Ft. Collins, Colo. where Jean died in 1938.

JAMES

James the third son of William III, was born December 5, 1814. He was the first to turn his face to the new land of the free. He sailed from Aberdeen in 1830. For sixteen weeks he was tossed about and finally landed in Canada where he stayed untill 1833. Then he came to Chicago, a mere village.

He found employment with John Yarwood on the Illinois and Michigan Canal which was then being built. In 1843 he married Mary Yarwood daughter of a pioneer family. He bought land on County Line Road from the Government for \$1.25 per acre and here the family was born, William, John, Sarah, Ann, Elizabeth, James, Samuel and Henry.

William married Louisa Evans, daughter of a pioneer family of Joliet Road. He bought a farm in Iowa where he lived the rest of his life. They had no family. He was a great joker. One day at the church when one of the young men went to help a woman out of the wagon whose younger sister was with her, he said, "If you want to catch the calf, give the old cow a nubbin".

John married Nancy Barber in Iowa or Missouri and settled in Tardio.

Sarah, the oldest daughter kept house for the family after the mother's death. She married John Leonard and they made their home in Iowa. They had no family and she died in 1890.

Elizabeth married John Whitson. They lived in La Grange for many years where John had a general store. Then they went to California and bought a fruit ranch. They had four children, Henry, Samuel, Mary and James. The boys made their home in California and Mary lived in La Grange until 1944 when she moved to Muskegon Heights, Michigan. John died in 1930 and Elizabeth in 1939.

James married Myra Abbott in Council Bluffs, where he worked for many years for U. P. R. R. They had two sons James and Charles. James passed away in 1931.

Henry lived on the old farm in Du Page County, married Mary Jane Walker Craigmile, widow of Charles Craigmile, son of Alexander. They moved to a farm in Iowa near Rarumville where there were several Craigmile cousins. They had three children, Elizabeth, William, Edwin. Henry passed away in 1917, Jane in 1945.

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Samuel married Mary Vial, daughter of Robert Vial, who came to Illinois in 1833. Samuel was in business for several years with John Whitson and then moved Knox, Ind. where he had a large farm. They had two children, Robert and Mary. Samuel passed away in 1936 and his wife and daughter Mary lived together in Indiana in this year 1951.

CHRISTINA

Christina the third daughter of Alexander III was born December 5, 1818. She married Robert Asam of Aberdeen, Scotland and they lived at a place called the "Bush". They had three sons, Robert a lawyer, William and James farmers. Robert lived in Aberdeen He had several sons. William lived in an old home- stead and had two sons and a daughter and James went to Sough Africa and settled there. Robert's wife was living when we visited in Aberdeen in 1923. William was also living and Annie Craigmile, daughter of Francis was keeping house for him. He looked very much like Uncle David. The three sons have passed away.

JOHN

John the seventh child of William III died when 18 years of age.

FRANCIS

Francis was born April 18, 1820. He lived in Banbury. He married and three children were born to them. William, Isabel and Annie. The first two sons were married and Annie kept house for William Adam. They were very Scotch and cooked over open hearth and served "tea" and "wheat cakes". He had a shed full of peat for fuel. We visited Isabel and she called her son to come in, "John come awa to the hoose a mennit".

MARY

Mary was born June 22, 1822. She married George Wilson her cousin. He was, I think, the son of Elizabeth, sister of William III. They came to the United States in 1854 with four children, Alexander, Elizabeth, Christina

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They chose a farm south of La Grange because of fine spring water. Neighbors came from miles around to get water. They lived here the rest of their lives. Two sons were born here, William and James.

Alexander the oldest son married Mary Carrington daughter of one of the pioneers of Cook County. They lived near Rantoul for several years and then moved to Farnamville, Iowa. They had six children, Laura, John, Mary, Mabel, Star and Minnie.

Elizabeth married Charles Dodge a school teacher. She had taught many years also. Their home was in Windsor, Wisconsin. Five children were born to them, Florence, Charles, Mary, Anna and Chester. All of these were teachers but Anna.

Christina married Isaac Bielby of Lyonsville, they lived on Joliet Road on a farm. Five children in their family, George, Bert, Irving, Edith and Henry.

George never married. He died in 1877.

William married Agnes Harrison daughter of a pioneer family of Cook County. They lived in Iowa on a farm. They had five children, Hervert, Mildred, Gertrude, John and George.

James married Lucy Marshal and lived on the old homestead. He died of typhoid fever in 1896. They had one daughter May.

PETER

Peter was born August 11, 1824. He came to the United States in August 1845 with Alexander and family. He came right on to Illinois and lived with James for a time. Then married Elizabeth Yarwood sister of James wife and bought a farm from the Government for \$1.25 per acre on Plainfield Road and the County Line Road. Peter wore a tall hat when he came and was laughed at a good deal but his wife set a hen in it so it came to a rather ignominious end. There were eight children in their family Carswells, Elizabeth, Mary, Della, Martha, John and George.

Carswella or Carrie as she was called married Joseph C. Vial, son of Samuel Vial who came to Illinois from New York in 1832 and settled on Plainfield Road. They lived in La Grange where Joseph was in the lumber business and he also was Township School Treasurer for many years. There were eight children in their family, Jean, Margaret, Martha, Sarah, Samuel, Joseph, Nathaniel and Helen. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1931. Carrie passed away in 1931 and Joseph in 1941.

Elizabeth married Henry Payne a teacher and then florist for many years in Hinsdale. Six children in their family, Delia, Mary, William Francis, Olive, Paul and Elizabeth.

Mary married Frank Withey. They lived in La Grange. Had two children, Frank and Elizabeth.

John Y. married Lottie Parrot. They lived in Lyonsville and then moved to a farm near Gowrie, Iowa. They had five children, Delia, Helen, Mark, Samuel and Margaret Ann.

Mark Gerry married Nellie Parrott. They had one son Mark who lived in Northern Minnesota. Mark died when a young man and Nellie married Fred Craigmile, son of William.

CHARLES

Charles married Mary Milne in Tillyburlock, Midmar, Scotland where two children were born. In 1853 they decided to follow the other Craigmiles and come to the United States. They walked the 13 miles to Aberdeen where they embarked on a sailing vessel and for ten long weeks they were tossed about. They were shipwrecked near Newfoundland and had to be taken to an island to await another ship. The men had to work for hours to keep the ship afloat. They finally arrived and lived with James for a time and then found an old house on the Carrington place where they spent a very cold winter. They finally bought a farm on the Joliet Road. South of La Grange in 1856 was a Charles

The two children born in Scotland were William and Annie and six children John, Charles, Mary David, Fannie and Harvey were born in the United States. Mary lived with daughter Fannie in La Grange after Charles death. Mary passed away in 1906.

William born in 1848 married Mary Shanley in Chicago, where he worked for many years. He moved to La Grange and finally moved to a farm in Iowa. They had nine children, John, Fred, Agnes, Ida, Anna, William, Juliet, Laura, and Julia. William passed away in 1938 and his wife in 1941.

Annie, born in 1850, married N. M. Kimball son of a pioneer of Chicago. Their family consisted of four sons and one daughter, Martin, Charles, Raymond, Mabel and Arthur.

John H. born in 1854, married Clara Polk, daughter of an early settler of Lyons Township. They lived in Lyonsville many years then moved to Iowa on a farm. Several years later they moved to California where their family still reside. They had seven children, Walter, Edwin Ivy, Harry, Frank, John and Roy. John passed away in 1913, Clara in 1917.

Charles M. born 1856 married Jane Harrison daughter of an early settler in Lyons township. They had six children, Arthur, Alice, Grace, Lydia, Mary, and Myrtle. They lived on a farm south of La Grange for many years. Jane Passed away in 1893. Two years later he married Blanche Durland and six children were born to them, Elinor, Florence, Evelyn, Gertrude, Charles and Margaret. He finally sold out and moved to Genessee, Wisconsin where he bought a farm. He passed away in 1931.

Mary died at the age of 5 years.

David Francis born in 1858 married Mar L. Holt from Bunker Hill, Pa. who taught home school. They lived in Lyonsville. They had two sons, Herbert and Charles. David passed away in 1903 at La Grange, Ill.

Frank Ellen born in 1861 married Frederick W. Weil in 1882. They made

in 1949.

Harvey M. born in 1872 married Mary Oakley. He was a railroad engineer on the St. Paul R. R. They had no family and lived in Bensonville many years then moved to Harvard, Illinois and to St. Petersburg, Florida.

DAVID

David the youngest son of William III was born in 1828. He came to the United States in the 1853 with Charles and family and lived with them for some time. He married Nancy Harrison in 1864. He bought a farm on Plainfield Road near the home of Peter and James. They had seven children. Sarah, Francis, Esther, David, Nancy, Ira and Ruth.

Sarah married Val Snyder and moved to Oregon where her two sons were born, Earl and Charles. Her husband passed away in 1934.

Francis married Sarah Adeline Gerringer. They lived in Lyonsville where their family was born. Five daughters and one son, Esther, Edna, Florence, Winnifred, Catherine and David. They moved to Muncie, Ind.

Nancy married Eugene Vial. They made their home on Wolf Road. They had two daughters and one son, Ruth, Paul and Laura. Eugene passed away in 1922 and Nellie December 7, 1947.

Esther became a teacher of nature work in public schools. She never married.

David married Emma Hoyt. They bought a farm in Indiana and lived there many years. They had one son and two daughters, Howard, Sarah and Marion. Emma passed away in August 1932 and David in November 1932.

Ruth married Howard Hoyt. Their home is in Lyons Township. Four sons and two daughters were born. Walther, Raymond, Harriett, Margaret, Preston and Wilson.

Ira the youngest son lived Lyonsville, was unmarried. He met a fatal accident in 1937.



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